

AUTONOMY, PROVINCIAL, IN THE NORTH-WEST—*Con.*

*Barker, Sam.* (Hamilton, East)—*Con.*

Are there no separate schools of foreign rates?—8095.

Moves an amendment to the preamble—8173-4. It is not proper to recite a part only of the authority—8175.

*Barr, J.* (Dufferin)—5933.

It seems to me that so far as the medical profession is concerned, I can see some danger in this Act—5933. I think it would be perfectly safe to grant such privileges as we have done, say in Ontario—5934. Why not go further?—5935.

This is an amendment of too great importance to be voted upon at one o'clock in the morning—8518. I venture to think they would give a matter like this more time for consideration than we are giving it here—8519.

*Belcourt, Hon. N. A.* (Ottawa)—7160.

Parliament must look at the conditions existing when the law was passed—7160. The schools existing under the law of 1875 and the ordinances of 1884 were to all intents denominational—7161. I do not know what they are de facto, but they are de jure—7162. In the interpretation of a law by parliament and not by a court of justice—7163. A court of justice would not look at circumstances of to-day or of thirty years ago—7164. There is no denominational school law for them—7165. No provision for separate education except with reference to these two denominations—7166. I have no hesitation in accepting the interpretation put on section 11 by Fitzpatrick—7167. They can get their education in either Catholic or Protestant schools—7168. As regards the Jews, Mormons and others, they would have to go either to the Protestant or Catholic schools—7169. Stockton will not state fairly what I did say—7170. Parliament had recognized only Catholic and Protestant in regard to schools—7173. I was dealing with denominational schools, and I spoke of those alone—7174.

*Borden* proposes to introduce into this Bill which we are now discussing the provision of the Act of 1867 only—8298. And why has *Borden* left these provisions out of his proposed amendment?—8299. Will your friends vote for you?—8461. *Lamont* wants to remove doubt—8495. A great compliment to the electors of *Bergeron's* province—8570. I am very much surprised to hear *Bergeron* cast such a slur upon his own countrymen—8571. The amendment, if it were passed by this House, would not give to the legislature of the new province any power which it does not now have—8605.

*Bergeron, J. G. H.* (Beauharnois)—5675.

The western group will be still below the eastern group—5675. This matter should be dealt with with great care—5676. Calls attention to the anomaly concerning the qualification of senators—5678. Does not agree with *Maclean*—5679. I want to preserve to the east its due influence in the Senate—5680.

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Understood population of each was about 250,000—5601. Natural increase in Alberta larger than in Saskatchewan—5602. That is clause 16, No. 1—7128. We have come down to this—7134. All the work of parliament is confined to ascertaining what clause 16, No. 1, and clause 16, No. 2, really mean—7135. It would seem that 'separate schools' under the Act of 1875 meant something different from what we understand—7136.

Moves an amendment to section 16—8387. My action on this occasion is prompted by a very strong sense of what I believe to be my duty—8388. I am very sorry to differ from *Borden*, but I am bound to do so—8389. *Borden* had nothing at all to say in regard to the kind of schools they should have—8390. It seems to me that we are here to continue the great work which was commenced long ago—8391. I do not attach so much importance to the exact words of the constitution as I do to their spirit—8392. In 1759 the following promise was made on the good faith of the English nation—8393. When one is continuing the thread of an argument it is very annoying to have questions constantly put—8394. Quotes Red River commission—8395. Need we go any further than that to ascertain the promises which were made to the Catholics of the N.W.T.?—8396. Now, there was a sacred promise made by the Prime Minister of Manitoba (*Mr. Davis*)—8397. That was the promise made by *Martin*, as a minister, in the name of the government of which he was a member—8398. That Bill was accepted by the minority of the people of Manitoba—8399. These people believe, honestly believe, that the French element in this country has been too strong—8400. *Laurier* would do more than the Conservatives could do to remedy the grievance of the Catholics—8401. We had to put something in the Bill about separate schools, but this means nothing at all—8402. Clause 16 is worse even than the amendment of *Borden*—8403. This idea of separation did not start with Roman Catholics—8404. Quotes confederation debates—8405-6. Later on some promises were made to the province of Manitoba besides those which I read a few moments ago—8407. The teaching of religion in the school is part of our religion, and I am going to show it—8408. During this discussion we have often heard advocated separate schools in which no religion at all would be taught—8409. The state has not the right to teach the child in any way other than the parent desires—8410. I do not believe the majority in this House are in favour of having no religious instruction in schools—8411. I have seen it stated that Catholic teaching and separate schools had a tendency to diminish the loyalty of the people—8412. I hoped Canadians would go to the defence of that flag, which is our only guarantee in this country—8413. That was the reason given by the government at that time for not disallowing the law of 1892—8414.